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# THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

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### Sotoyome Leadership Dinner - The Start of a New Tradition

On Monday evening, August 5th, executive board members from the four groups assembled to hold the first Sotoyome Leadership Dinner.

“Thank you to Nancy” and her crew for a wonderful dinner that set the tone for the discussions that followed,

We discussed the need to develop more community partnerships, such as Empire Boat and RV Storage, who hosted the Flame and Vine Car Show on June 20th and generated \$2,020 for the Fireworks Show (see the Commanders Column on page 2 for more information). Commander Tom also talked about our relationship with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church here in Healdsburg. They helped us with the Cemetery cleanup this year and we distributed poppies to the congregation on the Sunday before Memorial Day. All of us belong to other community groups. We need to develop bridges with them.

Another topic was the need for coordinated membership recruiting and the need for more recruiting efforts in Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor. This includes being more visible in the community and having booths at community events, such as farmers markets. We need to have volunteers from the Sotoyome American Legion Family who are willing to help man

these booths.

The pantry is discussed. The pantry belongs to the Auxiliary and this was reaffirmed. The pantry will be rekeyed and the number of keys will be restricted. 2nd Vice President Eddie Sauers and 2nd Vice Commander Warren Luke will coordinate efforts to improve the pantry.

The feedback on the dinner was very positive and future dinners are in the works. This is a great way for the leadership to work together and to have some fun at the same time. Thank you to the 24 of you who joined Commander Tom and President Nancy on August 5th.

### Your 2013-14 Sotoyome Leaders



From left to right, Matt Foreman, Commander, Squadron 111; Nancy Evers, President, Unit 111; Tom Grimes, Commander, Post 111; and Mark Exter, Chapter 111.

Photo by Rose Sandoval

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## From the Top

### Tom Grimes, Commander

This year we want to continue building partnerships with the community businesses, organizations and citizens.

Once such business is Empire Boat and RV Storage. Marketing and Site Manager approached us about a



car show to raise money to help pay for the annual fireworks show. With a small committee and lots of determination, the first Inguinal Flame and Vines Car Show was held on Sunday, June 20th.

There was cars, food, live music, and vendors at the facility on Healdsburg Ave. The event generated \$2,020. The effort put us over the top. We have paid the bills and have the down payment for the 2014 show.

Thank you Lois for your efforts. We will recognize her at our general membership meeting on Thursday, September 12th. Lois is the daughter of a WWII veteran, and yes, she has been invited to join our Auxiliary.



## Auxiliary Happenings

### Nancy Evers, President

Summer is over and it is time to roll up our sleeves and get busy.

The August 2013 issue of the The American Legion Auxiliary Magazine contains a great article on the "American Legion Auxiliary Home Service." Take a few minutes and read the article.

Service to Veterans is one of the pillars of the American Legion Family. This article describes how we can reach out and serve our Veterans, sometimes without ever leaving home. For example, two unit members, Ann Thomas of Windsor and Phyllis Johnson of Rohnert Park, have been making lap blankets and other items for the veterans living at the California Veterans Home in Yountville. The Yountville bingo team included Nancy Evers, Rose Sandoval, Judy Chaves, Jackie Richey, Carol Thoreson, and Helen Sager, the spouse of one of our Post members.

There are many other opportunities to serve that we are missing. Read the article again and ask yourself how you can reach out to a neighbor and assist them.

The second part of this is recording the work that you do. Get a calendar and record your service and donations. You will be amazed how the hours and dollars grow during the year.

Every month or so you can let us know what you are doing and your hours and dollars.

Read the article again and focus on the examples of service. Does that give you ideas? The neat thing about this program is that you don't have to be here in the Healdsburg area. You can help veterans wherever you live. There is also no age restrictions. Junior members can help too.

## Service Not Self!



## Remembering...

Since the last newsletter we have said a final goodbye to the following members of our American Legion Family.

### Imogene Woolman, Unit 111

Please let your Chaplain know when you become aware of the death or illness of one of our Legion family members.

You can also let one of the board members know and they will pass the word.

## Chaplain's Corner

### Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.



Sincere thanks go to Thelma Frey and Judy Chavez. In my absence, they conducted chapel services for Imogene Woolman, who passed away of July 15. I send a sympathy card to the family. Also send a "Thinking of You" card to a member who has breast cancer. I visited with Susan Sheber, ho will soon have eye surgery and is still awaiting hip surgery. Who else needs a card?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	7
8	9 Past Presidents <u>Card Party Noon</u> Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	10 ALR Meeting <u>6pm, Windsor</u>	11	12 Post/Unit Meeting 7pm	13	14
15 40 & 8 Flea <u>Market, SR</u> <u>VFW Booth</u> To support Windsor Banners	16 Newsletter Input Due	17	18	19	20	21 Area 1 Mtg Auburn Post 86
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### Sotoyome American Legion Family 2013-2014 Leadership

#### Post 111 The American Legion

Commander	Tom Grimes	481-9169
1st Vice	Ken Sandoval	838-7068
2nd Vice	Warren Luke	332-3843
Adjutant/Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Judge Advocate	Doug Newton	217-6309
Sgt. at Arms	Tricia Lay	695-0345
Asst Sgt at Arms	Tony Grado	527-8233
Service Officer	Chris Bingham	565-5960
Historian	Frank Jerins	
Jr. Past Cdr	Dave Richey	568-7278
Executive Board	Frank Jerins	
	George Sager	433-2044
	Frank Teuschler	431-2328
	Roy Caporale	894-8954
	Stan Shusda	838-4593
Jr Shooting Prog	Daryle D. Smith	415-203-7447

#### Unit 111 American Legion Auxiliary

President	Nancy Evers	481-9169
1st Vice	Linda Karnstedt	529-1243
2nd Vice	Eddy Sauers	838-9429
Secretary	Marie Canale	431-0563
Treasurer	Melanie Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Bettie Crandall	838-4035
Sgt. at Arms	Judy Chavez	894-4636
Marshall		
Historian/Junior Pass Pres.	Rose Sandoval	838-7068
Executive Board	Virginia Hawley	838-6395
	Virginia Wallace	838-8702
	Thelma Frey	546-7791

#### Squadron 111

##### Sons of the American Legion

Commander	Matt Foreman	894-5603
1st Vice	Mitch Laing	623-9179
Adjutant	Tom Grimes	481-9169
Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Al Delsid	894-5603
Historian	Harold Bagdonas	843-4790
Sgt at Arms	Mark Archambault	292-6746
Jr. Past Comdr	Tom Grimes	481-9169

#### Chapter 111 American Legion Riders

President	Mark Exter	478-1975
Vice	Mitch Laing	975-1541
Secretary	Doug Newton	217-6309
QM/Treasurer	Steve Bowne	578-4775
Sgt at Arms	Terry Perry	878-9790
Ride Captain	M. Archambault	292-6746
Jr. Past President	Gary Greenough	837-8384

## Windsor Hometown Hero's Program.

Sotoyome Post 111 has joined with other community organizations in Windsor in support of their Hometown Hero's Program. The Windsor banners will be similar to the Rohnert Park banners pictured to the right.

The Windsor-Healdsburg VFW Post 768 is hosting two events to help raise funds to help pay for the banner (see the note on the back page.. Stan Shusda, a Post 111 board member, and Commander of VFW Post 768, is our representative on the banner Committee. He can be reached at 838-4593. Donate items for the flea market booth on Sunday, Sept. 15th and attend the Pancake breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 21st



## Note from Unit 1st Vice Linda

As our new year approaches, I am reminded of what the American Legion Auxiliary is all about -to enhance the lives of veterans, service members and their families and promote an America we can be proud of today.

Of course the Auxiliary is more than just that and each of us have our own reasons for being a member of Sotoyome Unit 111. It is time to renew your membership and contribute to all the programs the Unit supports. As a person who has done many "walks" in support of a cause, I recently read a statement from the Department of Wyoming Membership Chair, Shareen Johnson. She said: "encouraging renewals of ALA memberships sends a very loud message to Congress as over 700,000 members can and do make a difference. She also pointed out that "each member should consider their dues a donation to the cause, 'Supporting the Veterans of the United States of America', which is the main purpose of our organization".

So ladies, now is the time to renew - YOU DO NOT NEED TO WAIT for your renewal letter from National. Our treasurer, Melanie, is more than happy to take your cash or check for \$21 now! And again, there will be incentives for getting your renewal in early. For those renewals received by August 31, five lucky members will receive a crisp \$5 bill! There is also the **Early Bird Pasta Dinner** at the November Meeting. Those of you who have paid your dues eat for FREE. Please include your current mailing address and phone number for our roster. Mailing address for Melanie Taylor is 457 Muscat Dr, Cloverdale CA, 95425.



## Sotoyome Son's Update

Matt Foreman, Squadron Commander

From Adjutant Tom: So far we have had 10 new members join the Squadron since July 1st and 16 members have renewed their membership. That puts us at 59% of our membership goal for 2014. I will be sending out a second reminder. The goal is to reach 100% by the FREE early bird pasta dinner on Nov. 14th.

I will be forwarding updates from the Detachment of California. The first one sent out was the letter from the Detachment Commander Christopher W. Affolter, Sr.

## Sotoyome Junior Shooters

Heads up on a new program. The leadership of Sotoyome Post 111 is working on introducing the The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition. Shooters use the .177 caliber air rifle. Both males and females can participate, through Legion sponsorship; disabled youth are encouraged to join. Competitive shooting is a sport that creates an equal playing field for all competitors.

There will be additional information and an interest survey in the next newsletter. Post member Daryle D. Smith 415-203-7447 is chairing the Junior Shooting Program.

## Polenta and Beef Stew Dinner

Mark your calendar. The Second Annual dinner sponsored by the Sotoyome Unit 111 and Squadron 111 is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 25th. The details will be finalized at the September board meetings.

## 4th Friday POT LUCK AND GAMES

Villa Annex

Friday, September 27, 2013

Dinner at 6:00 pm,  
followed by games, including Bingo.

Bring your favorite potluck dish, a salad or dessert.

Grab 3 friends and bring your board or card game and your potluck contribution. Let's turn the night into social night.

Join the Fun! Guests are welcome!

Bingo: 25 cents per card per game. Bring Quarters!



## Sotoyome Chapter 111, ALR

Mark Exter, President

**We are an association, a group of American Legion, Sons of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary members who ride for a cause.**

The Sotoyome Leadership Dinner was a great success bringing all factions of the Legion Family together. It gave us a chance to meet others we haven't previously and to understand a little about what they do. (And the dinner was very good.)

We will be attending other local ALR group functions to support their efforts. With the onset of the motorcycle riding season and the plethora of motorcycle events we will be wearing our 'colors' at as many of these events as possible to increase the Legion and Legion Riders visibility.

We are continuing our MIAP program support and will be escorting our fallen veterans to receive their proper honors at the National Cemetery in Dixon.

We will be scheduling a monthly ride as a group that is not a service or honors function to strengthen our own group.

## Sotoyome afloat - 2013 Healdsburg Water Carnival



Thanks to the efforts of Roy Caporale, our float was part of the 2013 Healdsburg Water Carnival held on Saturday, July 27th. Sotoyome family members also rode on the swan. Rumor has it that the crew is already planning our entry for 2014. (Photo by Hazel Kirk-Brumley)

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Grimes at 707-481-9169 or Service Officer  
Stan Shusda at (707)838-4593

## The Back Page.....

VFW Post 768 has announced two events during  
the month of September to raise funds for the  
**Windsor Hometown Hero's Program.**

On Sunday, September 15th, the VFW post will  
have a booth at the Flea Market at the Santa Rosa  
Veteran's Memorial Building, Sunrise to 3pm.  
They need items for the flea market. This is a  
great way to support this program. Call Stan  
Shusda 838-4593 or [cbclutch@gmail.com](mailto:cbclutch@gmail.com); C.J.  
Williams 838-0514; or, David Schleeter 620-0061.

On Saturday, September 21st, the VFW will host a  
Pancake Breakfast at the Villa Annex. The hours  
are 7am to 11am. They are asking for a donation  
of \$10.00 for a breakfast that includes pancakes,  
scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit plate, coffee, tea  
and orange juice.

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